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### SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

The *Intelligencer* says of Col. Benton's Pacific Railroad scheme:

"We give up a large portion of our columns to-day to the lecture of Col. Benton on the subject of the contemplated Pacific Railroad. Every thing which a vigorous mind and a well stored memory can bring to bear upon the subject has been presented in this discourse, and the impression which it has made in the Northern cities shows that the importance of the measure has been exhibited with graphic power. Already some of the more prominent and sagacious business men have given the project their approval, and afforded the best of their aid by a tender of material aid. A matter of such magnitude well deserves all the light which scientific and practical men can shed upon it; and whether the project receive aid from the Government or be left to individual enterprise, it equally deserves full and careful consideration."

The *Union* contains a manly and truthful exposition of all the facts with reference to Mr. Nicholson's claim, &c., as public printer, to the extra compensation payable to the other officers of Congress under their extra pay resolution. We regret that we are to-day without space in which to place this article before our readers. It, however, substantially bears out what we say in another column on the subject. The *Union* also argues strongly against Know Nothingism, and criticizes the last news from the seat of war.

Thirty-six women of Otago, Allogan county, Michigan, last week formed themselves into a party, armed themselves with hatchets and pickaxes, and marched in a body to the hotel of the place and the places where liquors were sold, and made a complete wreck of the decanters and demijohns, and other liquor utensils. In one or two instances they rolled barrels containing liquor into the streets, and there broke them open and let the liquor flow loose.

The editors of the *Wheeling Intelligencer* have found it necessary to offer a reward for the apprehension of persons stealing their paper from the doors of subscribers. We fear that we shall be compelled to do the same thing. Those who steal newspapers deserve punishment as much as persons who steal anything else.

### REMARKS.

....A Know Nothing paper, in speaking of Gen. Houston's baptism, says—

"We have never doubted of Gen. Houston's election and final salvation, through sanctification and belief of the truth."

....Judges Todd, Hancock and Morris, of Texas, have declared that the liquor law of that State is constitutional, but that the law for the violation of the provisions of the license attaches to him who grants it and not to him who sells the liquor.

....The Portland (Maine) Inquirer announces "upon reliable authority," that the widow of the Rev. Charles T. Torrey is the author of the popular novel "Ida May," which some critics have erroneously attributed to Mrs. Beecher Stowe. Mr. Torrey, it will be remembered, died in prison at Baltimore, Md., where he had been committed on the charge of kidnapping slaves. According to the Portland contemporary, Mrs. Torrey's maiden name was Mary Ide, daughter of Dr. Ide, of Medway, Mass. She names her literary offspring Ida May, after herself, with a variation.

....Some one writing from Washington to the Boston Post says:

Colonel Benton has reached Washington, from his recent visit to New England, in fine spirits. He talks in this wise: "I have the Pacific railroad in my trunk, sir! my trunk. The solid men of Boston have taken it in hand, sir! Abbott Lawrence, sir! Abbott Lawrence—a man of great wealth, sir—a man of great wealth—has authorized me to use his name, sir! Lawrence may have more money than knowledge, sir; but he has the cash, the cash, sir! I am like Peter the hermit, sir! Peter the hermit! He preached the crusades, sir—the Pacific Railroad, sir! Solitary and alone, sir, I am setting this Pacific Railroad in motion, sir!"

....Mr. Paumier, an actor of some local eminance in Ireland, one night recently, at the Boston Theatre, spat in the face of and struck the Hon. Arthur Anselmy, of the 92d, and some other officers, who, Mr. Paumier thought, were insulting him.

....Miss Phoebe Knowles, "late waiting maid to Miss Susan Denin," has taken to the stage, and is playing with great success at Oswego.

....Madame Bishop has been playing "Fra Diavolo" to the "Zerlina" of Mrs. Sinclair, at the Metropolitan Theatre, San Francisco. Neither of them got much praise from the critics.

....Among the arrivals by the Atlantic from Liverpool, was Hon. J. R. Thompson, of New Jersey. Senator Thompson has been spending a few months in Europe, accompanied by his wife. He returns to take his position in the U. S. Senate.

....A western editor thinks that Hiram Powers, the sculptor, is a swindler, because he chiselled an unfortunate Greek girl out of a block of marble.

....One hundred guns were fired at Madison (Indiana) in honor of the election of Jesse D. Bright to the Presidency of the Senate.

....A writer in the *Alexandria Gazette*, the signature of "Head in a no die," urges the nomination of Messrs. Botts, Caperton and Baldwin, by a Whig Convention.

....Jacob M. Portridge, long an apprentice in the office of the *Norfolk Beacon*, has become an assistant editor of that paper.

....Samuel D. Scoville, the defaulting officer of the Marine Bank Agency, of Macon, Ga., has, it is said, made a full confession of delinquency, and manifests a proper spirit of resignation to the fate that awaits him. Gambling victimized Scoville, as it has done plenty of others.

....Miss Bunkley's reply to the *Lady Superior* of Emmittsburg, will be published in book form. Miss B. is a young lady of about 25 years of age, good looking but not handsome, and possessed of mediocrity of talent, and of most respectable parentage. No doubt her book will create quite a stir.

### WASHINGTON NEWS AND GOSSIP.

The Boorback of the Season.—Really, were we so disposed, we might fill the *Star* with mere contradictions of the astonishing Washington "yarns" which are daily seeing the light through the columns of the wonder-mongering press. The "chiefs" of these stories we do contradict, when they fall under our notice, as their contradiction through the *Star* is due to the public who have so unanimously awarded us praise for the fidelity with which we devote our columns to the promulgation of truth only from this city. The last, previous, great, and evidently malicious, falsehood of that sort, which found its way before the public's eye, was the *Herald's* story of an intrigue between Messrs. Buchanan, Cushing, and Forney against Secretary Marcy, than which a more infamously false concoction, from beginning to end, never saw the light in any country, however licentious its press may have been—there being not the slightest foundation for any one of its many particularizations. The very last, however, is the effort of the people of the ex-Rev. Chauncey Burr, to create the impression that there is a mare's nest in the claim of the public printer to twenty per centum extra compensation voted at the last session to the employees of Congress. To do so, they imagine a variety of things which have had no existence in fact, including a scene between the Secretary of the Treasury and the President, the former against and the latter for the claim, and throw in gratuitously an opinion of the Attorney General in favor of the payment of the claim in question, all of which is without the least foundation.

Now the whole truth of the matter is as follows, to wit: The Public Printer conceived that he had a valid right, being by law an officer of the House to the twenty per centum extra compensation. He presented the claim to the Secretary of the Treasury, who regarded his job for the Government in the light of a special contract, and therefore, as not coming under the twenty per centum extra compensation law, he rejected it. The printer, in the belief that his rights were, under the law as he had argued them to be, urged that the Secretary would submit the legal question involved to the Attorney General. That officer declined doing so on the ground that in his mind there was not the slightest difficulty involved in the question, and that, not doubting himself, he saw no reason for so submitting it. There the matter ended, the Attorney General never having given an opinion, verbal or otherwise on the subject; and the President knowing as little about the affair, perhaps, as the man in the moon, and never having opened his lips upon it, it is not being his province so to do unless on such special application for his interference as was not dreamed of, in this case.

We have carefully ascertained all these facts, only by way of illustrating to our readers the foolish extremes to which the writers in Washington for the distant press go, in their efforts to supply the place of news with roorbacks, in the remarkable dearth of real news now afflicting us in Washington.

By the way, as apropos to this subject, we may not inappropriately add that before the resolution to give 20 per centum extra compensation to the officers of the House was passed, the public printer addressed to the joint printing committee a letter, setting forth that his rates of compensation were too low, and also that it is known here that he was induced not to pursue the subject with them, by assurances given him by a member of that committee, immediately on the passage of the resolution in question, that it covered his case, and therefore rendered further movement on his part unnecessary.

**Decision upon a Land Claim.**—An Alabama case was recently decided at the General Land Office, involving important principles. An imperfect Spanish title had been confirmed by an act of Congress in 1822. No survey of it had been executed under the Spanish Government. It therefore became necessary for this Government, according to the principles of justice and the spirit of the treaty, to satisfy the claim; and the principle observed was to give the United States survey a square form, placing the ancient improvements as near the center as possible. Before the United States location and survey were made, a certain half quarter section of land was entered, it not appearing as "reserved lands" on the public plats. Afterwards, the United States survey of the Spanish claim was made, embracing this half quarter. It was held that the sale should be patented, for the reason that the Spanish location could not be made to the prejudice of the settler. But the grant to the latter was framed as not to preclude a judicial investigation into, and decision upon, the rights of the respective parties.

**Real Progress.**—There is at this time, in this city, a delegation of the Wyandot tribe of Indians, in Kansas, consisting of five persons, viz: Tauronomie, (principal chief of the tribe), Mathew Mud Eater, John Hicks, Silas Armstrong, George J. Clark, and Joel Walker. They come to make an arrangement with the Government by which their lands in Kansas, now held by them in common, shall be divided out among them in fee as the whites own lands. Many of them are now sufficiently advanced to cultivate them to advantage when so subdivided out. This morning they had their first interview with the head of the Indian Bureau.

**Aspirants for the Clerkship of the Next House of Representatives.**—We hear that Nathan Sergeant, Esq., well known, formerly, as a Washington correspondent for the distant press, and subsequently Recorder of the General Land Office, has addressed a circular letter to many members elect to the next Congress, announcing that he is a candidate for the clerkship. We hear, also, that Robert Beale, Esq., of this city, late Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate, has announced himself as a candidate.

**Daniel E. Sickels, Esq.**—We understand on authority which we have reason to regard reliable, that the return of Mr. Sickels to New York by the last steamer was preceded by his resignation, which was tendered to Mr. Buchanan; and that he left his post of Secretary of the American Legation in London, bringing with him the warmest regards of our Minister there.

**The River and Harbor Bill Message.**—To-day a Special Executive Message upon the subject of the improvement of Rivers and Harbors by the General Government went in. It was not, however, read before we got to press. The general impression is that when read, it will be found to be a very powerful defence of the veto, holding grounds up to the highest mark of the strict constructionists.

**Clerical Changes in the General Land Office.**—R. T. Mossell promoted to a \$1,600 salary in place of Rev. Charles A. Davis, resigned. J. G. Todd promoted to a \$1,400 in place of Mossell. Chas. E. Davis appointed to a first class clerkship, (salary \$1,200,) to fill the vacancy created by his father's resignation. Rev. R. B. Richards, a \$1,400 clerk in the General Land Office, transferred to the Pension Office at the same salary.

**An Army Officer Resigned.**—We hear that First Lieutenant Johnson K. Duncan, of the 3d artillery, U. S. A., has tendered his resignation to the Secretary of War.

**The Current Operations of the Treasury Department.**—On yesterday, the 1st of Jan., the records of Treasury Warrants entered on the books of the Department—  
For the redemption of stock..... \$25,034 00  
For paying off Treasury debts..... 59,093 82  
For covering into the Treasury from  
Lands..... 265,524 24  
For covering into the Treasury from  
customs..... 685,908 45  
For the War Department..... 38,314 21  
For the Interior Department..... 25,617 73

### CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate, to-day, after the reception and reference of reports of committees and petitions, they took up the bill of Senator Brodhead, granting bounty lands to the Officers and Soldiers and the Widows of Officers and Soldiers who served in the War of 1812; and was debated on various amendments by Messrs. Brodhead and Stuart.

House.—Mr. Straub asked leave to offer a resolution granting to the officers and soldiers of 1812 the use of the House hall, in which to hold their approaching convention; but objection being made, leave was not granted. On motion of Mr. Latham, the House adopted a resolution calling on the Postmaster General for information with reference to the conditional contract some years since made with Ramey, Carnack & Co, for the transportation of the mails between New Orleans and San Francisco, via Vera Cruz and Acapulco.

The regular order of business being next called for, the bill of Mr. Cobb to amend the lands graduation law of the last session, so as to prevent frauds under it, was taken up, and its provisions and sundry amendments thereto, reported by Mr. Cobb from the Public Lands Committee, were debated by Messrs. Webb and Dowdell before we went to press.

### BALTIMORE CORRESPONDENCE.

*The New Year—Visiting, &c.—Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will pay its Notes—Difficulty Amongst the Railroad Employees—Nearly a Riot—Trouble in the Know Nothing Wigwag, &c.*

BALTIMORE, January 1, 1855.  
The new year came upon us to-day with a bright sun and genial atmosphere. Business was partially suspended. The excellent custom of making calls, renewing acquaintances, &c., was observed by a large number. It has been, altogether, quite a happy day.

I gave you, in my letter of Friday last, some apprehensions in regard to the inability of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to pay its notes, amounting to about \$400,000, falling due on the 1st and 4th instants. These, however, were the opinions of croakers. I then took occasion to express my own confidence in the solvency of the company, and its ability to meet all the demands. I now have the pleasure of stating that the arrangements were made to-day by which the financial committee will be enabled, promptly, to meet their obligations. Several wealthy private citizens, and some of the banks, came forward and generously proffered the required sum. This fact being known, and the stock advanced about \$8 per share from the closing advance of Saturday. There will, however, be fluctuations for some time to come, as is the case with all securities which do not have regular dividends. John S. Gittings, Esq., chairman of the finance committee, is a host in himself.

I am told that riotous symptoms have been discovered amongst the workmen engaged on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, who are now on a strike. They are located in the region of the Oretis Depot whither the police have been sent to preserve order. Threats have been made to throw the tonnage trains off the track, disturb the rails, and do other things appertaining to the road. This is all wrong, and I hope the very first symptoms of riot may be effectually checked. If workmen were sensible they would abandon this system of striking. The present hard times, want of employment and destitution—yes, idleness amongst mechanics and laborers may in a great measure be traced to their strikes some eighteen months ago. The thing is irretrievably clear.

The fine ship *Pride of the Sea*, reported by the Atlantic as having been destroyed by fire, was owned by Messrs. Hoopes & Sons, of this city. She was insured in London and New York for \$125,000.

The very devil is to play amongst the Know Nothings. They are all up in arms against Mayor Hinks, who is found less pliant to party workings than was anticipated. The council is arrayed in deadly hostility against the executive appointments and the other disappointments. Several nominations, including Brants Mayer and J. S. Smith, have been rejected. The Mayor I am told is innocent, and he designs sending up their names again. The Clipper, of to-day, the party organ, comes out with an editorial, and almost repudiates his Honor. The man who suffers himself to be made Mayor of a city like this, need not expect to sleep on a bed of roses. He is beset on all sides with howling, hungry office-seekers, to satisfy whom would require some thing more than human. The rampant partisans assert that Mr. Hinks has become tyrannical, and they talk seriously of his resigning. So long as office and office seeking are the aim and action of any party, it is bound to fall. There is a want of sincerity in all movements connected therewith which must fail of success.

The Mayor asserts that he did not ask for the nomination—did not seek the office—was elected by the independent voice of the people, and made no pledges—will make none—and intends to act independently.

Candidly speaking, if the Mayor owes something to his party, and should respect it. He certainly was understood to be with those in sentiment, who solicited him to serve as a candidate. It is honest, therefore, to give them a partial hearing, which I have no doubt he will do. There is, however, trouble in the wigwag, and no mistake. The elements may possibly calm down in due time.

BEN BOLT.

### GEORGETOWN CORRESPONDENCE.

GEORGETOWN, Jan. 2, 1855.  
Yesterday was truly a gala day in Georgetown. From early morn it was apparent that but few persons were disposed to enter upon the monotonous rounds of every day business. Everything indicated that the day would be one of very general festivity. At an early hour there was a very general suspension of business, and while hundreds wended their way to greet his excellency, the President, many of others visited Secretary McClelland and Mrs. Hays, and kept on the of our hospitable citizens, who were during the day for the reception of their friends. Friendship, harmony, and good feeling appeared to pervade all ranks, while the hospitality of many was unbounded.

The exhibition at the Methodist Protestant Church was attended by an immense concourse of persons. The occasion was one truly interesting indeed. The excellent selection of speeches, dialogues, duets, &c., were gone through with by the ladies and masters in a style that elicited the praise and admiration of the large audience. Indeed, so were some of them executed that the little ones had to appear the second time to satisfy their delighted hearers. The address of Mr. Southerland, was also highly enter-

taining. The whole was under the management of Messrs. T. A. Newman, John T. Bangs and Thos. Jewell.

A most foul murder was committed at Drainesville, Fairfax county, Va., on Saturday last, while the slave hiring was going on. The victim was a young man who had just reached his majority, who bore an excellent character, by the name of Henry Clay Sinclair, and his murderer is a fellow of a notorious bad character by the name of Robert Dickey. The facts, as far as we can gather them, are as follows: Dickey, it is supposed, had some grudge against Sinclair. He borrowed of him his knife, for the purpose, it is said, of disarming him, after which he picked a quarrel with him, which resulted in a fight, during which Dickey stabbed Sinclair several times in each breast, in the abdomen, groin, and arm, inflicting a number of frightful wounds, nearly all of which, it was supposed by physicians, were sufficient to cause the death of young Sinclair. During the fight young Sinclair gave no indications of having been stabbed. The first intimation the by-standers had of it was, his falling dead on the ground, while engaged with Dickey. The murderer was arrested immediately, and so strong was the indignation against him, that a jury was impanelled immediately for the purpose of considering the matter—eleven of whom were in favor of giving the benefit of Judge Lynch's code. The wealth man being a magistrate, maintained the dignity of the law, and the villain after being kept all night in the room where the corpse of his mangled victim lay, was next morning conveyed to Fairfax County Jail.

At Forrest Hall, there was a perfect jam. Every part of the spacious room was crowded almost to suffocation to hear the justly popular Euterpeans. Every piece sung was closed amid the joyous shouts and loud applause of the delighted auditory. One of the most interesting features of the occasion was the presentation to the Euterpeans of a handsome silver cup by their friends in Georgetown. The cup was presented by Miss Rainer, accompanied by five other young misses, all dressed in white, in the following neat and appropriate address:

"Pray, 'take this cup!'" his quite filled up  
With grateful feelings rare;  
Your charming lays deserve our praise,  
Our blessings, and our prayers.  
That sweet, soft voice conveys such joys,  
As seldom greets the year;  
Your magic strings, such music bring,  
As nowhere else we hear.

The trifle's small, we know it, all—  
Our honest hearts still feel  
The weight of debt we owe you yet,  
And may not now reveal.

Oh, when you lift this little gift  
To sip the music's strain,  
May it inspire poetic fire,  
To 'live every brain.

May ease and health—abundant wealth—  
Long years to you be given  
To sing and play, till time away,  
Tidely retired in Heaven."

The cup was received by Mr. Alby, upon the part of the Euterpeans, as follows:  
"Allow me, Miss, in behalf of the Euterpeans, to return you and our friends of Georgetown, our sincere thanks for this act of kindness shown us on this occasion. We have long been disbanding as a traveling company; but still continue as a 'Band of Brothers,' and I assure you we fully appreciate this compliment, coming, as it does, from the twin sister of the place we shall ever take pleasure in remembering as the place of our nativity; and, in remembrance of the past, we will now sing 'O Glorious Home!'"

Each of the Euterpeans were also presented with a handsome bouquet.

The following is a list of the Corporation officers elected last night by a joint meeting of the two Boards of our Corporation: Recorder—R. Ould; Clerk—John Mounts; Flour Inspector—George Shoemaker; Inspector of Tobacco—P. W. Magruder; Inspector of Salted Provisions and Gauger of Spirituous Liquors—John Waters; Inspectors and Markers of Lumber—Charles Myers and H. Semmes; Clerk of Market—Samuel Smith, Tax Collector—Wm. Jewell; Weigher of Hay—J. C. Jones; Assessors—J. S. Semmes, R. B. Sheekel, and Wm. Jewell; Board of Appeals on Assessment—H. Lyons, E. Chapman, and H. C. Mathews; Guardians of the Georgetown School—Capt. Thomas Brown, George Shoemaker, Wm. McIsborn, Wm. H. Tenny, Morris Adler, John Marbury, Jr., and Henderson Suter; Surveyor—R. F. Dodge. Several officers of the Corporation were elected.

Flour is held at \$9 a 25. Wheat—no sales since our last. A good article of either white or red would readily demand \$2.

### SPLENDOR.

**ALEXANDRIA CORRESPONDENCE.**  
January Court—Odd-Fellowship—Reform Movement—Post Office—Death—Fire—Swiss Bell Ringers.

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 2, 1855.  
The county court of this county commenced its January term yesterday—present all the justices. Several applications for licenses to keep ordinaries were granted, and the court adjourned to meet to-day.

Potomac Lodge, No. 38, I. O. O. F., held its annual communication on Friday evening last, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: George W. Taylor, N. G.; Joseph W. Dudley, V. G.; Abel D. Wardfield, S. E.; Edward S. Hough, P. S.; James Picken, A. P. S.; Hugh Latham, T. The order in this place is in a very flourishing condition.

There is some talk of the propriety of a change in our corporation officers. The K. K. are said to be divided on the subject—some going for an entire change, while some are favorable to keeping the present incumbents. Signs, however, indicate a crash of some kind at the spring elections. The amount collected at the Alexandria post office for the quarter ending December 31, 1854, was two hundred and twenty-four dollars more than the quarter previous.

Washington L. Bodkin, one of our most exemplary citizens, died on Friday morning. Mr. B. was a member of the City Council, and was highly and deservedly esteemed and honored by the community.

A fire broke out on Friday morning last in the basement of Newton's Mansion House, which threatened at one time to destroy the entire building. The firemen were promptly at the scene, and the fire speedily extinguished with but trifling loss.

The Swiss Bell Ringers and the Peek Family open Washington Hall on Friday next.

The Young Men's Christian Association have leased the upper room of the above-named building, and are fitting it up in a handsome manner for the purposes of the association.

The Bank of the Old Dominion on yesterday declared a dividend of four per cent. net, to the stockholders, payable on the 14th inst., for the last six months, after paying bonds and State tax.

**New Year's Day—Car Works—County Court—Hiring Ground—Noises.**

ALEXANDRIA, January 1, 1855.  
New year's day! The new year greets us this morning with a smiling face. The chill wind of Saturday has lulled, leaving the atmosphere healthful and buoyant, whilst the genial sunshine tempering the coldness, gives everything a cheerful aspect. Our streets are already thronged with pedestrians, some making morning calls, but by far the greater number on their way to the metropolis to participate in the President's levee.

Yesterday crowded churches were the order of the day. Our fair weather Christians were out in full strength.

On Saturday a large amount of real estate was offered at public auction, but few of the many desirable dwellings, &c., offered, found purchasers.

On the evening of Friday, the second lecture of Dr. Baird was delivered at the Lyceum hall to a large and highly intelligent audience. Thursday night, the ladies in charge of the Presbyterian Fair, closed their entertainment, and Dr. Baird delivered the first lecture of his course on "Russia and Turkey." Among other of his interesting remarks, the Sentinel notices a regard to our common pronunciation of the word "knowt," which he says the Russians call "kenoet."

The Virginia Car Works have not yet resumed operations. It is to be hoped that the suspension of business there will be but temporary.

porary, and that the busy hum of industry will soon be heard throughout the extensive establishment.

The County Court opens this morning its January term. W. H. Fowle, President; D. Cawood, W. H. Rogers, John Summers, and W. T. Harper, Esq., justices, compose the Court.

The hiring ground is already the scene of much excitement. Negroes of every shade, and anxious inquirers for faithful servants, occupy the whole available space in front of Catt's Hotel. The negroes seem for the happiest of the crowd.

To-night, the Hand-in-Hand Club celebrate their anniversary by a collation party at their hall. Hand-in-hand soirees are never beaten.

**Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute Lectures.**

The Second Lecture of Prof. Epp before the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute will be delivered on WEDNESDAY EVENING next, January 3, in the Institute Rooms, over Geo. and Thos. Parker's Store.

Subject: "The cause of the formation of clouds, of the cross current of air, and of Barometer fluctuations."

The public are respectfully invited. Lecture free. Lecture commences at 7 1/2 o'clock. By order: P. M. PEARSON, Rec. Sec.

N. B.—Tickets entitling the holder to the benefit of the school of design, and admission to the Exhibition can be obtained of the Financial Secretary during the evening.

**Notice.**—The sale of useful and fancy articles, held at St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, will close TO-MORROW, (Tuesday) Jan. 2, at 10 o'clock, and close at half-past 8. The friends of the Orphan are invited to attend.

**Montgomery Guards, Attention!**

The regular monthly meeting of the Company will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan. 3, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present, as business of importance will be transacted. By order of Captain Key: THOS. MCENIRY, O. S.

**Union Guards Attention!**

are hereby notified that a regular monthly meeting will take place on TUESDAY, Jan. 2, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Drill will be continued Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The members are likewise requested to appear in uniform on Friday evening. By order of Capt. O. Byrne: J. SHEA, Sec'y.

**Smithsonian Institution Lectures.**

A Lecture will be delivered on TUESDAY EVENING, January 2, by Mr. Geo. P. Marsh, late United States Minister to Turkey. Subject: "Constantinople and the Bosphorus." Lecture commences at 7 1/2 o'clock.

**The Ladies' Fair, as an Aisle**

tant to relieve St. Paul's Lutheran Church of its embarrassment, will be open at Odd Fellows' Hall THIS EVENING.

**TESTIMONIAL TO CAROLINE ROUSSET.**

WASHINGTON, January 1st, 1855.  
Mlle. CAROLINE ROUSSET—Mademoiselle: Having heard that your engagement here was about to close, it is our wish to offer you a testimonial of our admiration for your talent before your departure from this city.

Should this meet with your approbation we would suggest Thursday evening next as one of the best nights for such an occasion.

Accept, Mademoiselle, our best wishes for your welfare.

W. D. Wallach, Jno T. Towers, Thos J. Fisher, S. C. Barney, Edw F. Alexander, John L. Smith, Lewis Carusi, W. B. Willard, Ch H. Winder, E. D. Chase, D. N. Caldwell, J. D. Hoover, J. E. Pleasant, Jno W. Boteler, Geo Keyworth, C. W. Flint, M. R. Birche, J. W. Fourny.

WASHINGTON, January 2, 1855.  
To Messrs. J. T. Towers, W. D. Wallach, &c.  
Gentlemen: I received, with feelings of gratitude, your offers of a testimonial benefit, for my humble efforts in contributing to your amusement. The offer I accept with many thanks, and by permission of the manager, will fix Thursday evening next, the 4th January, for the BENEFIT NIGHT, on which occasion I will produce the Grand Ballet, in 3 acts, of "Le Diable a Quatre," never produced in this city, with other entertainments.

Accept, Gentlemen, the best wishes for your welfare. Your obedient servant, CAROLINE ROUSSET.

### GRAND OPENING SOIREE AND EXHIBITION.

PROF. H. W. MUNDER respectfully announces to the public that his opening Soiree and Exhibition will take place at Mr. Farnham's Hall, corner of 6th Avenue and Elmwood street, on TUESDAY EVENING, January 8th, 1855, and continue every Wednesday evening throughout the season.

No time or pains will be spared to make his Soirees the most select and agreeable of the season. The following Fancy Prizes will be introduced in the course of the evening:

La Fille du Savateur, by 3 misses  
La Smolenska, by a miss  
La Cachucha, by 3 misses  
Scotch Pas Seul, by 3 misses  
Gavotte de Vestris, by Mr. Munder.

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